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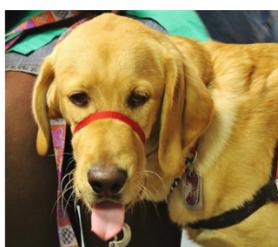
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Spartacus No More: MU to Get New Mascot

Manchester University's list of former Spartan mascots is growing. After just a few short years hyping up MU Spartan fans, Spartacus is about to join The Dunkers and Sammy Spartan in retirement.

But before Manchester unveils its new mascot on Oct. 15 during Primetime at the PERC (kickoff of the basketball season), the new image needs a name.

Manchester social media is revealing partial glimpses of the new mascot on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to create a buzz about the renaming, said Erica Graphman, MU social media content specialist.

Students who visit the site find the announcement, "There's a New Spartan in Town" and a question: "What do you think the new mascot name should be?"

The first round of surveying took place this week; the second round starts Monday, Sept. 21, said Graphman.

The new mascot still is a Spartan, but dressed in new clothing with a new shield.

What do you think? Chet? Baby Spartacus? Pepe?

Sex is Hot Topic on Campus

Sarah Farnam
Staff Writer

Sex is everywhere in the world of a college student. Friends gossip about it, musicians sing about it and actors play out racy scenes in our favorite movies. What students didn't expect was that, upon arriving on campus this year, they'd be talking about it with their professors.

Manchester, among other universities nationwide, is taking the

initiative to teach students about the new understanding of the Title IX laws. In the wake of increasing numbers of sexual assault reports on college campuses, schools are cracking down on sexual misconduct.

Consent is key, and faculty and staff are required to report any misconduct they've heard about. For the most part, students are receiving the message.

"Yes is yes, and everything else is a no,"

said sophomore Frank Sammons of Rushville, Indiana.

After attending a seminar on the Title IX laws and receiving more information in syllabi from professors, students say they recognize the importance of talking about this issue.

"It will raise awareness and people will be more knowledgeable on the topic, which will, hopefully, reduce incidents," Sammons said. However, many students



predict that this initiative will not affect our campus the way it is intended to. Stated in the laws, universities hope that students will get clear consent before engaging in any kind of sexual activity.

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Ethiopian Students Find Community at Manchester

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More than half of Manchester's international students call Ethiopia home. Five years ago, only one student from the east Africa country was enrolled on the North Manchester campus. While more and more Ethiopian students chose Manchester each subsequent year, intense in-person recruitment by MU enrollment leaders helped convince six to travel to northern Indiana to begin their college journeys this year, said Michael Dixon, director of intercultural services.



Standing, from left: Kidist Tessema, Frehiwot Gudeta, Yohannes Woldegerima, Melat Mebrahtu and Yafet Leake. Seated: Ruth Woldemichael, Blen Teferi, Biniam Taddesse, Selamawit Nicolai and Edlawit Sida

In Ethiopia, an agent facilitates the recruiting process by talking to potential students about Manchester and the variety of programs the University offers, Dixon said.

The agent particularly talks about such programs as biology-chemistry, computer science, engineering and others.

All of Manchester's newest Ethiopians live in the capital city of Addis Ababa, said Dagmawi Tadesse, a junior computer science major. Of Manchester's 40 international students in its undergraduate program in North Manchester, 21 of these are from Ethiopia, said Dixon.

These young men and women already are settling down and building community here at Manchester. Many are actively in the clubs affiliated with

the Office of Multicultural Affairs, including African Student Association, Black Student Union and Model United Nations. Some call Manchester as "a small community that has made it easier to connect with people."

"I had applied to several universities and Manchester gave me an excellent combination of a good scholarship and small college experience," said senior Mikiyas Tadesse, a computer science major who served an internship last summer with the campus ITS department.

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Photo by Savannah Riley
Sophomore Leilte "Lily" Assefa pointing out Ethiopia on a map

Alcohol Survey Stirs First-Year Controversy

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This year, Manchester University is requiring all of its first-year students to complete the program "eCHECKUP TO GO" to learn about alcohol and its effects.

This online program asks such questions as "Why does alcohol give you a buzz?" and "What are my personal risk factors for alcohol addiction?" It focuses on students' use of alcohol and the actions they should or should not take while under the influence.

It is a basic and self-explained program,

with intentions to help University students make smarter and better life choices, according to the supporting material.

Only first-years are required to take the online course, but any upper-class student is welcome to complete the program.

More than 600 universities are using eCHECKUP TO GO at their schools. The program is not limited to the United States—schools in Ireland, Australia and Canada have started using it as well.

Not all Manchester students agree with eCHECKUP TO GO's ap-



VIA to be held in upper Joe Young Switzer Center

proach to the subject of alcohol.

"It asks whether you might change your ways and it was kind of angering to read that," said first-year biology-chemistry major Caleigh Siemers of Lafayette, Indiana. "That's my personal decision to answer and it wasn't optional."

Others see the benefits. "This particular exercise was eye-opening

into the aspects of the life of an alcoholic," said athletic training major Quinn L'Heureux of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

eCHECKUP TO GO takes about 25 minutes to complete. While students have until the end of the fall semester to complete it, those who finish by Sept. 25 will be entered for a chance to win a free Kindle Fire.



Photo by Savannah Riley
 MU Counseling's April Collette-Slone with new employee, Tippy

Interns, Tippy in Counseling Services

Baily Januchowski
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This school year, there are a few new faces on the counseling services staff: two human, one canine. The interns are April Collette-Slone, who will be available on Tuesdays, and Kit Corps, who will be available Wednesday through Friday. Tippy the service dog is also new to campus, as part of the 4 Paws for Ability program, which places task-trained dogs with the families of children who have disabilities.

"The counseling services provide six free sessions per semester to any enrolled student," said Director of Counsel-

ing Services Danette Till. "The average number of sessions students use is two to three. If someone has a greater need, we connect them to a greater community with more resources."

The most common reasons students seek help are for depression, relationship problems, family problems, roommate conflicts, ADD and anxiety, she said, the top two reasons being anxiety and depression.

Tippy can offer a great deal of comfort to any student seeking help in the counseling services," Till said. "Some students really like the animal. I've witnessed it provide a calming sensation."

Tippy is at Manchester to learn socialization in preparation to be placed with a family in the future.

"When you're really stressed out, the dog will climb up on the couch with you, and it helps a lot," said sophomore biology secondary education major Kelsey Crawford. "Counseling is completely different when you have a service dog with you. It makes it a lot easier. I've gone to counseling for stress-related problems and changes [that have occurred] in my life," she added.

Students can make appointments with Wellness Services at 260-982-5306.

Communication Studies Welcomes Back Newly Certified NCASC

Carly Kwiecien
 Staff Writer

For the first time at Manchester, the Department of Communication Studies' returning student group joins the list of certified organizations under the National Communication Association. Manchester University's National Communication Association Student Club had its first meeting of the year on Sept. 3.

The club was first started about three years ago, but was stagnant last year due to leadership changes.

"I took it upon myself to find out if COMM students wanted an organization and if so,

what it would look like," said Association Advisor Tim McKenna-Buchanan. "The students researched several organizations and decided that they wanted something that was nationally-organized and recognized, and one in which they would still have some control in meetings and activities."

This year-long student club works to promote and teach the principles of communication through educational and social activities.

In the 2015-2016 school year, members will attend conferences and other networking events, and expose themselves to more opportunities for the future. The club will

host guest speakers and will watch movies relating to the study of communications.

Through these functions, the MU Association helps its members recognize and respect the infinite worth of every individual and lead productive and compassionate lives, said McKenna-Buchanan. "When put together, these skills will help improve the human communicative condition," he said.

"It's a great way to learn more about communication studies, as well as get to know the others in the major and minor," said club Secretary Alaina

Beckner, junior communications studies major from Columbia City, Ind. "The nice part about our club is that everyone can use communications, so the club is not limited to just communication studies majors and minors."

In addition to Beckner, the club is led by an executive board comprised of senior President Donnie Watkins from Elkhart, Indiana, junior Vice President Lindsay Ward from Lowell, Indiana and junior Treasurer Mary Helen Clark from South Bend, Indiana. They are still looking for first-year and sophomore rep-

resentatives.

"My aspirations are that we can grow the club to have a steady group of students interested in learning more about communication and becoming competent communication professionals," McKenna-Buchanan said. "When we do these activities, students get more excited about their major and the possibilities, and it allows them to grow as professionals."

The club meets every other week in the evenings. If you are interested in joining, contact Watkins at DRWatkins2016@spartans.manchester.edu.

Spartans Study 2016 Candidates at Iowa Caucus in January

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Manchester students are heading to Iowa this January Session to get a first-hand look at American politics and the presidential nomination campaign. The students are enrolled in "Topics in American Politics," taught by Professor Leonard Williams, who will lead them through the presidential nomination process. Students will witness the pre-campaigning for the Iowa caucus, which will be held in February 2016.

The Iowa caucus is taken seriously by not only Iowa residents, but also politically interested citizens, and MU students will get to experience the skillful way in which those residents scrutinize politics. This is the first caucus of the year, at least one week ahead of the New Hampshire primary.



Political Science Professor Leonard Williams leads the trip.

It is the first test of some candidates and the trend follows some of them throughout the election process, Williams said.

"The caucus is like Disneyland for political junkies," Williams said.

Not every winner of the Iowa caucus becomes the next president, but as Professor Williams said, "It's where some campaigns go to die, where some campaigns go to live on."

In 1976, the winner of the Iowa caucus was a little-known governor named Jimmy Carter, who went on to become president. From his success, Iowa became well-known and a good judge of nominees. Candidates who lose have to do well in the rest of their campaigns to stay in the running for the presidential nomination.

Professor Williams and the students

leave mid-January, with a week before and after of on-campus discussion. In 2008, the last January Session trip, the Iowa caucus was rescheduled for January and the class was able to attend the caucus night.

This trip will not have that same event, but it will focus on the campaigning of the nominees, Williams said.

Although the students in the class are diverse in both majors and political ideologies, they will experience the campaigning of both parties, Williams said. "This is beneficial to the students, because they will, hopefully, understand both parties better."

Sophomore political science major Tate Wooding says encountering such political diversity helps open his mind and that he gets most of his insight from the other students. This is another goal Professor Williams has for the class.


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Professor Robert Pettit and his class on one of the last sociology Disney January Sessions.

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Over the past 25 years, sociology Professor Robert Pettit has introduced many students to the wonder that is Disney World. With his retirement approaching this spring, January may be the last time he gets the chance.

Back in the 1960s, colleague and political science professor Leonard Williams and Pettit decided they wanted to do something a little different

in their course offerings.

“Williams got the politics and I got the way more fun part – the sex, drugs, and rock and roll,” Pettit said. His idea to teach a course about Disney and spend January Session in Florida began as a joke on his colleague. To both of their surprise, however, the new course won approval from the dean.

Always fascinated by the technology that goes into the Disney experience, Pettit once wanted

to become an animator for Disney. “Nothing in the world is quite like Disney, from the parks, the movies and just to the experience—it is enchanting,” he said.

SOC-230 Aspects of American Popular Culture: Disney and American Culture can not only be extremely fun, but is also a great learning experience. Each time, a range of three to 18 students enrolls for the trip. The students come back with a great appreciation of not

Disney Sociology Course Retires with Dr. Pettit

just Disney but the world, said Pettit. “They learn all this on their own. I don’t just spoon-feed them what they need to learn

They need to use their own insight and analytical ability to see and explain what they saw,” he said. Disney World is a huge case study of American society and culture, Pettit said, and going to Disney World is a very different way to study the effect it has on society.

“By looking at social class and even race, are all people of one social class?” he asked. “How much does it cost to stay in one of the hotels? And look at the inequality that is even in the happiest place on Earth.” Often at the front of attractions are young, good-looking and even white employees. “Then go look at the maids, bus drivers or cooks in the kitchen. Most of them are minorities.”

This class does not fit any core requirements. It is for students with an interest in American society and culture in a very interesting way, Pettit said. “We are there

to have fun and use our critical intellect as we go through the parks,” he said.

Alaina Beckner, junior communications major from Columbia City, said: “This class is a great class on how pop culture has influenced not just us, but how it has also had huge impacts on our society as a whole.” She made the journey to Disney two years ago.

Pettit tells students not to worry if they have not had to opportu-



Robert Pettit, professor of sociology

nity to take the class yet; even in retirement Pettit says he hopes to study Disney, and may or may not return to Manchester to continue teaching the course if there is enough student interest.

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But, with a topic as sensitive as sex, students aren’t sure if this will encourage anyone to get the consent that they need.

“I don’t think this will change, because asking for consent can be awkward,” first-year Emily Ryder said. “Students won’t ask for consent because no one is expecting to be accused of rape, or any other form of sexual misconduct. It could happen to anyone, but no one expects it to be them.”

Ryder adds, “A lot of students, male or fe-

male, feel like they already have consent. There’s too much assumption in the whole process, and that’s one of the major problems.” Senior Holly Conway agrees that assumed consent remains a major issue when it comes to sex. “I think (people) still won’t ask (for consent), they just assume that everything’s good as long as the other person isn’t screaming ‘No.’”

Apathy may not only stem from fear of discomfort and false assumptions, but many students have never been con-

cerned about sexual assault on campus, nor have they ever dealt with that type of situation. “I just don’t think students take it seriously enough unless you’ve been directly affected by this,” said Ryder. “A lot of it doesn’t apply to many students.” Sophomore Katie Brown agrees. “It won’t make a huge difference for students who have never worried about it.”

Though students remain unsure of how much these laws will change the sexual interactions on campus, many

say they are glad to have them in place. “I think (the laws) will make students feel safer now that there are rules and definitions in place,” said Brown, who was trained on how to deal with the laws for her RA position at Helman Hall. “Title IX clearly defines the differences between stalking, harassment, etc.”

Change is difficult to accept, especially when dealing with such a complex topic. Though students remain skeptical about the changes that we will see on campus, they

do have high hopes.

“Best-case scenario, people will be more understanding of the concept of consent and people will take sexual assault more seriously,” said Conway. “It’s not always between a stranger in an alley and a random girl. It can happen anywhere, at any time, to anyone.”

If you have questions about Title IX or what to do if you’ve experienced sexual misconduct, visit Manchester’s Title IX website: www.manchester.edu/forms/title9/.

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Junior biology major Merykokeb Kibebew is president of the African Student Association, student director of the MU Center for Service Opportunities and is a member

of Students Today Alumni Tomorrow. Merykokeb decided to join Manchester for its “student to teacher ratio in the classroom and also because of the extensive science program that Manchester offers.”

Junior computer science major Dagmawi Tadesse decided to become a part of the Manchester community because, “The professors are great and the small size of the college makes it easier to connect with them.”

Dagmawi also is a desk worker at Funderburg Library.

The Ethiopian graduates have also made a name for Manchester University. Tihitina Mekete Dagne, a 2010 graduate, is an associ-

ate with the prestigious Washington, D.C. law firm Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton and Garrison. After she graduated with highest honors from Manchester, she achieved her law degree at Harvard Law School.

MU Hosts Health and Fitness Fair Tuesday, Oct. 6

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Staff Writer

Students who attend the upcoming Health and Fitness Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 6 will participate in interactive educational booths and enter to win free stuff while learning about health and fitness at the same time.

The free health fair runs from 7-11 a.m. in the Jo Young Switzer Center. Students are not required to register be-

forehand.

Diverse health tests also are available, including a complete blood count, thyroid screening, prostate screening, and Chem23, which checks cholesterol, blood sugar, electrolytes, kidney and liver functions. The tests cost from \$5-25, says Kelly Hippensteel, Health Services administrative assistant. Flu shots are \$17.

Students in Professor Kim Duchane’s

Health Concepts class will host seven tables promoting nutrition and stress management. The class has been active in the health fair the past few years, Professor Duchane said.

“We will have many interactive booths to educate students, staff and faculty on the importance of caring for their health,” said Anna Richison, director of health services.

Booths at the

health fair include Anytime Fitness, Yoga Club, Zumba Club, CPR demonstrations, Medstat, Bowen Center, KCH Health and Wellness, smoothies, and many more.



Chem23:	\$25
Complete Blood Count:	\$6
Prostate screening:	\$15
Thyroid screening:	\$15
Homocysteine:	\$22
Cardio CRP:	\$15
Hemoglobin A1C:	\$22
Vitamin D:	\$25



SPARTAN SPORTS

X-Country Head Out to Indiana's Champ Meet

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Indiana State University will host the 2015 cross country Intercollegiate Championship in Terre Haute, Indiana, on Friday, Sept. 18.

Head coach Geoff Lambert and assistant coaches Brian Cashdollar, Jessi Lambert, Brad Yoder and Kyle Allison lead both the men's and women's teams. In the Intercollegiate Championship, the teams will compete with almost all of the Division III schools in the state as well as some from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes, a total of 20 to 25 teams.

"This is the meet

where we will be racing teams that are tough and it will be the first true test of where we are at," said senior Jacob Sweet.

During the annual Hokum Karem meet on Sept. 1, the men's team came in second with a total of 19 points, and the women claimed the title. Four runners from the men's team then placed in the top 10 in the Sodexo Grizzly Invitational on Sept. 5, and three women placed in the top five.

A typical men's 8k can last anywhere from 23 to 40 minutes and a typical women's 8k can last between 16 to 30 minutes.

On Sept. 18, the men's team starts at 4 p.m. for the Open 8k and 5:30 p.m. for the championship. The women's team starts at 3:15 p.m. for the Open 5k, and 4:45 p.m. for the championship. Awards will be presented at 6:15 p.m.

Soccer Squads Stressing Unity

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Staff Writer

As the fall weather conditions begin to creep in, Manchester University men and women soccer teams' seasons are underway. Both teams began their seasons on Sept. 1, and unfortunately, both teams came away with losses in their debut matches.

The men's team traveled to Division II St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana, falling by a final score of 3-1 in the first game of their season. The Spartans would allow three goals in the last 45 minutes of the game, while only answering with one of their own.

Manchester sophomore Tod Oram scored his second career goal in the 81st minute of the game. Head Coach Dave Good was pleased by the efforts of his team: "We had a good showing against St. Joseph's College, a strong, physical team against whom we held our own."

On Sept. 5, the Spartans traveled to Chicago for the Illinois Tech Tournament. The Spartans would participate in a defensive shootout with Illinois Tech, resulting in a 1-1 double overtime tie. Sophomore goalkeeper Brady Forman had eight great saves in this one, while sophomore Travis Richardson recorded the only goal for the Spartans.

The following day, the Spartans came away

with a tough loss at the hands of Marian University (Wisconsin), 2-1. Junior Ola Ladapo recorded his seventh career goal, which gave the Spartans a 1-0 lead in the early part of the second half.

However, the Sabres of Marian University scored goals in the 51st and 74th minutes to give the Spartans a heartbreaking loss. As a part of the 2015 Raven-Spartans classic, the Spartans hosted Wabash College on Sept. 11, and Adrian College of Michigan on Sept. 12.

The Spartans fell hard to the Little Giants of Wabash, losing 5-0, but bounced back in a big way against Adrian, winning 4-2. This was the first victory for the Spartans in this young season. Within the first 25 minutes of this match, senior Julio Luevano, first-year Ben Niederheman, and junior Chase Holford each deposited the ball into the back of the net. Junior Luc Revounel scored the fourth goal of the day for the Spartans on an assist from junior Simon Coleman.

"We are constantly stressing the importance of a team-first attitude and behavior," Coach Good said. "Do what's best for the team, be unselfish and help each other become better." The Spartans are now 1-3-1 on the season.

On the women's side of the ball, the Lady Spartans traveled to Angola for their first game

V-Ball Returns 7 Seniors

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Both experienced and fresh athletes look to push the 2015 Manchester University women's volleyball team forward this season. The squad has seven returning seniors and three other returning players to help the Spartans succeed this year.

Head coach Bryndon Paulsen gained 12 first-years this fall and one more new face to help fill out the roster. "With 10 returners and 13 new faces, we have a good mix of experience and potential," Paulsen said.

The season is still young. The Spartans have a 4-5 record and conference play has yet to start. The returners are showing their leadership on the court to help the team improve every match they play this season, Paulsen said. "It's been awesome seeing them step up."

With the leadership and playing ability from senior setter and two-year captain Mikayla Munn of Elkhart, Indiana, the Spartans look to move forward into upcoming contests. The three-year starter for the Black and Gold looks to pass on her passion and love for the



Senior setter and team captain Mikayla Munn

game to her teammates throughout this season.

"I try to motivate and energize my teammates to help them," Munn, physical education major, said. Goals set by the team will help the players stay focused on the task at hand and improve this season. "The team goals are simple," she said. "Control our minds, which control our bodies, which control the ball, which control the game."

Coming off a 5-22 campaign in the 2014 season, the Spartans practiced and worked hard in the off-season in order to achieve more success

this year on the court. They look to improve every day, either in practice or in games, to help the program move forward. The newcomers will gain more experience throughout the season, which will increase the confidence of every player on the squad.

The Spartans are back in action this weekend, Saturday, Sept. 19, as they travel to the Ohio Wesleyan Tournament. The first match begins at noon for Manchester as they face Grove City College. Their second match against Alma College begins at 2 p.m.



Senior defender Nino Arapi focuses on his next kick.

of the season on Tuesday, Sept. 1, resulting in a 3-1 loss at the hands of bitter rivals the Trine Thunder. Senior Brandy Crouse scored the lone goal for the Spartans, the 20th for her career.

The Lady Spartans would then travel to South Bend to take on the St. Mary's College Belles last Saturday, Sept. 5. Manchester came away with a 1-0 victory, their first of the season. First-year student athlete Mariam Aly scored her first career goal

to help lift her team to the victory.

MU's two first-year goalkeepers, Caroline Smith and Cami Holford, worked together to complete their first clean sheet at the collegiate level. On Sept. 12, the Lady Spartans would host their side of the 2015 Raven-Spartan Classic, starting with a 2-0 victory over the Heidelberg University Student Princesses of Ohio. Holford came away defending her way to another clean sheet on the strength of 13

saves. First-year Maranda Birmingham and sophomore Courtney Hersick each took three shots, and each player had one of the shots find the back of the net to secure the second win of the season for the Lady Spartans.

On Sept. 13, the Lady Spartans hosted Kenyon College, resulting in a frustrating 4-0 loss to conclude the Raven-Spartan Classic. The team took eight total shots, with only five shots on the goal. The Lady Spartans are now 2-2 for the season.